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SUPP. DECL. OF KIMBERLY CULP ISO MOTION FOR SANCTIONS AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE I, Kimberly Culp, declare:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in California and am an attorney with the law firm of Fenwick & West LLP, counsel for Plaintiff Yuga Labs, Inc. ("Plaintiff" or "Yuga Labs") in the above-captioned matter. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I could testify competently to the facts set forth herein.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of Yuga Labs' Reply in Support of its Motion for Sanctions and an Order to Show Cause re Contempt of Ryan Hickman ("Mr. Hickman").
- 3. In September 2022, in the matter of *Yuga Labs, Inc. v. Ryder Ripps and Jeremy Cahen*, Case No. 2:22-cv-04355-JFW-JEM (C.D. Cal.) ("*Ripps* matter"), my firm caused a subpoena to be served on Mr. Hickman for documents. I am counsel of record in the *Ripps* matter. Request No. 9 in that subpoena asked Mr. Hickman to produce "[d]ocuments sufficient to show royalties you earned from the sale of RR/BAYC NFTs."
- 4. On December 7, 2022, in the *Ripps* matter, I deposed Ryan Hickman regarding his involvement in Mssrs. Ripps' and Cahen's commercialization of the infringing RR/BAYC NFT. In particular, I questioned Mr. Hickman regarding his work developing the rrbayc.com website, the RR/BAYC RSVP smart contract software, and the Ape Market. (Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of excerpts from that deposition.) I introduced Mr. Hickman's responses to the September 2022 subpoena as Exhibit 7 to his deposition (which were themselves incomplete and served after the deadline to respond). (Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from Exhibit 7 to Mr. Hickman's deposition showing his response to Request No. 9 in response to the September 2022 subpoena.) In response to Request No. 9 to the September subpoena, Mr. Hickman responded that although he did not earn royalties, he was paid to make the rrbayc.com website and RR/BAYC RSVP smart contract software. Mr. Hickman confirmed at his deposition that he was paid 15% of the proceeds of the sale of the infringing RR/BAYC NFTs (net profit amounting to approximately \$191,863.70).
- 5. Following Mr. Hickman's failure to comply with the September 2022 subpoena, he engaged counsel to assist him in responding. His counsel was also representing Thomas Lehman in connection with a nearly identical subpoena to the one served on Mr. Hickman.

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Through his counsel, I gave Mr. Hickman an extension of time to respond to the September 2022 subpoena. As the deadline to respond was approaching, his counsel and I spoke, and Mr. Hickman's counsel told me that he would be withdrawing as Mr. Hickman's counsel because Mr. Hickman stopped responding to his calls and emails and, therefore, Mr. Hickman would not be able to comply with the subpoena by the date we had agreed on. Mr. Hickman's counsel thereafter sent me an email confirming his withdrawal as Mr. Hickman's counsel.

6. Therefore, in November 2022, I caused a second subpoena to be served on Mr. Hickman for nearly the same documents as were sought in the September 2022 and a deposition. That second subpoena is the subject of Yuga Labs' motion to compel.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 19, 2023.

/s/ Kimberly Culp Kimberly Culp

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Exhibit A

Excerpts from Ryan Hickman's December 7, 2022 Deposition

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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 -000-3 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. We are 5 going on the record at 9:11 a.m., December 7, 2022. 6 Please note that the microphones are 7 sensitive and may pick up whispering and private 8 conversations. Please mute your phones at this 9 time. Audio and video recording will continue to 10 take place unless all parties agree to go off the 11 record. 12 This is Media Unit 1 of the 13 video-recorded deposition of Ryan Hickman taken by 14 counsel for plaintiff in the matter of Yuga Labs, 15 Inc., versus Ryder Ripps and Jeremy Cahen, filed in 16 the United States District Court of the Central 17 District of California, Case Number 2:22-CV-04355-JFW-JEM. The location of the 18 19 deposition is 9275 West Russell Road, Suite 240, 20 Las Vegas, Nevada. 2.1 My name is Samuel Camacho representing 22 Veritext, and I am the videographer. The court reporter is Holly Larsen from the firm Veritext. 23 I am not authorized to administer an 2.4 25 oath, I am not related to any party in this action, Page 7

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1	nor am I financially interested in the outcome. If
2	there are any objections to proceeding, please state
3	them at the time of your appearance.
4	Counsel and all present, including
5	remotely, will now state their appearances and
6	affiliations for the record, beginning with the
7	noticing attorney.
8	MS. CULP: Good morning. I'm Kimberly
9	Culp with the law firm Fenwick & West representing
10	Yuga Labs.
11	MR. FARES: Good morning. I'm Anthony
12	Fares with the law firm Fenwick & West representing
13	Yuga Labs.
14	MR. GOSMA: This is Derek Gosma of
15	WilmerHale representing the Defendants, Mr. Ripps
16	and Mr. Cahen.
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the court
18	reporter please swear in the witness and counsel may
19	proceed.
20	Whereupon,
21	RYAN HICKMAN,
22	having been first duly sworn to testify to the
23	truth, was examined, and testified as follows:
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1	with a, I believe, PDF of the information that I
2	collected.
3	Q. We will look at that document in a
4	moment, but let me try a different question.
5	Does Exhibit 6, if you look at the dates
6	and compare them between Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6,
7	refresh your recollection that by October 12th you
8	were aware that Fenwick & West had taken the
9	position that the documents you had already provided
10	didn't sufficiently comply with the subpoena?
11	A. Say that again, please.
12	MS. CULP: Madam Court Reporter, can you
13	read back the question.
14	(The question was read.)
15	THE WITNESS: I see. So I haven't seen
16	these emails or read these emails. So the yeah,
17	I haven't the emails that I didn't respond to are
18	emails that I have never read before.
19	BY MS. CULP:
20	Q. You received but did not open in your
21	inbox; correct?
22	A. Correct.
23	MS. CULP: Next in order is Exhibit 7.
24	(Exhibit 7 marked.)
25	///
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1	BY MS. CULP:
2	Q. You had just mentioned an email that you
3	sent with your documents. Is that Exhibit 7 that
4	we've just put in front of you?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And that was the production that you
7	made in response to the September subpoena which is
8	Exhibit 2?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. I want to go back to Exhibit 1. I know
11	you're starting to accumulate the pile I warned you
12	of. If you can find Exhibit 1 and get that in front
13	of you.
14	A. Yes, I have it in front of me.
15	Q. Do you have Exhibit 1 in front of you?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Thank you. Can you please go to
18	Attachment A. And the pages in Attachment A are
19	numbered. I'd like you to turn to numbered page 6
20	of Attachment A to Exhibit 1. Numbered page 6.
21	A. Page 6.
22	Q. Are you there?
23	A. Yes, I am.
24	Q. Do you see Document Request Number 1?
25	A. Yes.
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1 What do you understand Document Request 2 Number 1 to be seeking from you? 3 Some way for me to export information Α. 4 from Discord and provide it. 5 Were there communications on Discord 6 that relate to RR/BAYC NFTs, BAYC NFTs, or Yuga Labs? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Ο. I guess let's establish just some definitions. I think we're communicating with each 10 11 other, but let's just make sure. 12 When I say "RR/BAYC NFTs," what do you 13 understand? 14 I understand the specific contract 15 address on the Ethereum blockchain for that project. 16 And that project was called RR/BAYC NFT 17 to sort of the public if you will? 18 Α. Correct. 19 And if I say "BAYC NFTs," what do those Ο. 20 refer to? 2.1 A specific contract address on the 22 Ethereum blockchain. 23 And those are Bored Ape Yacht Club NFTs Q. 24 that were created by my client, Yuga Labs? 25 Α. Correct. Page 36

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1 Q. So you understand BAYC, the letters, to 2 be the acronym for Bored Ape Yacht Club? Α. Correct. And do you know who Yuga Labs is? 4 Q. 5 Α. Yes, I do. Okay. And you understand Yuga Labs to 6 Ο. 7 be the business behind Bored Ape Yacht Club? 8 Yes, I understand that. Α. So going back to Request Number 1 that's 9 Ο. 10 on page 6 of Attachment A to Exhibit 1, there were 11 Discord communications that you were a party to that 12 related to, you know, one or all of the things that 13 are listed here? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Tell me what those Discord 16 communications were in terms of the channel, if the 17 channel had a name, or to whom you might have been 18 communicating with if it was a one-to-one communication. 19 20 There were communications with the 2.1 creator, the development team, and -- so myself, 22 Tom, Jeremy, and Ryder had a channel. I believe it 23 had a name. I'm not certain if it had a name, but 24 it was a group chat. 25 Then myself and Tom had a group chat, a Page 37

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1	Q. The foundation contract for the
2	RR/BAYC NFT?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. You can turn back to what you had
5	produced to us that's Exhibit 7.
6	A. Bear with me. Yes.
7	Q. It's your response to Document Request
8	Number 9, if you can turn to that one. We're on the
9	same page. So Exhibit 7, and then Document
10	Request 9. It looks like you were at 6.
11	Do you see Document Request 9?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. You write, "I earned zero royalties."
14	Can you help me unpack how you're using
15	"royalties" in your response here versus how
16	Mr. Cahen is using "royalties" in Exhibit 21?
17	Are the terms being used the same way,
18	or is there different language being used by you in
19	the one document and Mr. Cahen in the other?
20	A. I don't specifically know what
21	"royalties" mean here. It says "Ryder's share of
22	royalties." The project is zero percent royalties.
23	I'm only making a guess that it's referring to the
24	foundation contract that forces the royalties.
25	In this reference I'm specifically
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1 stating that I'm a developer. I make software. Ι 2. charge to make software. I have a record, a 3 history, of charging to make the software. My financial arrangement for this whole thing is about 4 5 as a software developer being compensated for making 6 software. 7 Your records show your sort of net Ο. 8 payment was 142.35 ETH? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Do you recall what that translated to 11 into dollars when you made the withdrawals? 12 I never actually withdrew those funds. Α. 13 That wallet was compromised. 14 Can you explain that? What do you mean, Q. 15 "that wallet was compromised"? 16 I was developing something else, and I 17 had a lot going on. I installed a package. 18 support software. And the package had a rat in it. 19 A rat is a type of -- it's not a virus, but it's 20 hidden malicious code that took the private keys 2.1 from the deployment and took this and a whole lot 22 more. 23 The ETH out of your wallet? Q. 2.4 Out of that wallet, yes. Α. So the 142.35 ETH was transferred to you 25 Ο. Page 129

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1	and then stolen by somebody from that wallet?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. Understood.
4	(Exhibit 22 marked.)
5	BY MS. CULP:
6	Q. Exhibit 22 has been placed in front of
7	you. At the middle of 22 you'll see that Mr. Lehman
8	writes on the 20th of May at 7:09 a.m., "There's the
9	foundation royalties, though, when this sells on
10	their marketplace."
11	A. I see.
12	Q. Is that consistent with your testimony
13	that there were royalties built into the Foundation
14	contract for the RR/BAYC NFTs?
15	A. There's not royalties in the Foundation
16	NFT ERC 721 contract.
17	The Foundations are on the royalties
18	are automatically enforced on Foundation's
19	marketplace, which is a separate thing. And people
20	who get the NFT choose where they want to sell it on
21	a secondary market. It could include Foundation.
22	So when it sold on Foundation, it produces a
23	royalty.
24	Q. Understood.
25	A. But I don't know if that's what he's
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2	STATE OF NEVADA)
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3	COUNTY OF CLARK)
4	I, Holly Larsen, a duly certified court
	reporter licensed in and for the State of Nevada, do
5	hereby certify:
6	That I reported the taking of the deposition of
	the witness, Ryan Hickman, at the time and place
7	aforesaid;
8	That prior to being examined, the witness was
	by me duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole
9	truth, and nothing but the truth;
10	That I thereafter transcribed my shorthand
	notes into typewriting and that the typewritten
11	transcript of said deposition is a complete, true,
	and accurate record of testimony provided by the
12	witness at said time to the best of my ability.
13	I further certify (1) that I am not a relative
	or employee of counsel of any of the parties; nor a
14	relative or employee of the parties involved in said
	action; nor a person financially interested in the
15	action; nor do I have any other relationship with
	any of the parties or with counsel of any of the
16	parties involved in the action that may reasonably
	cause my impartiality to be questioned; and (2) that
17	transcript review pursuant to FRCP 30(e) was
	requested.
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	IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
19	in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, this 21st
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4	the foregoing pages of my testimony, taken on				
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1	RYAN HICKMAN
2	260 Sidewinder Street, Henderson, NV 89012
3	DECEMBER 21, 2022
4	RE: YUGA LABS, INC. v. RYDER RIPPS
5	DECEMBER 7, 2022, RYAN HICKMAN, JOB NO. 5597850
6	The above-referenced transcript has been
7	completed by Veritext Legal Solutions and
8	review of the transcript is being handled as follows:
9	Per CA State Code (CCP 2025.520 (a)-(e)) - Contact Veritext
10	to schedule a time to review the original transcript at
11	a Veritext office.
12	Per CA State Code (CCP 2025.520 (a)-(e)) - Locked .PDF
13	Transcript - The witness should review the transcript and
14	make any necessary corrections on the errata pages included
15	below, notating the page and line number of the corrections.
16	The witness should then sign and date the errata and penalty
17	of perjury pages and return the completed pages to all
18	appearing counsel within the period of time determined at
19	the deposition or provided by the Code of Civil Procedure.
20	Waiving the CA Code of Civil Procedure per Stipulation of
21	Counsel - Original transcript to be released for signature
22	as determined at the deposition.
23	Signature Waived - Reading & Signature was waived at the
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Exhibit B

Excerpt from Exhibit 7 to Hickman's deposition showing his response to Request No. 9 in response to the September 2022 subpoena

Exhibit B

Document Request 9

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Of which 15.93 ETH was returned for gas cost:

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